

# 'Autumn Leaves' Plans Are Moving Ahead

For as long as anyone can remember, none of Saginaw's beauty pageant queens have been members of the city's minority groups. Teenage girls from minority groups were growing up without Black or Spanish-American queens to model themselves after; they were without that feeling of beauty and pride that is so essential to every young woman. They felt neglected and unlovely, and they were neglected by all of the people who were supposed to know and acknowledge beauty.

To be a queen is the secret dream of every young girl, and it seemed, in looking around at teenage girls of minority groups, that it was terribly important for somebody to try to make this dream possible, and to make it a reality in the most wholesome and healthy way.

Making a dream come true takes money. So the search was begun for sponsors among businessmen all over the city. Our first try was with a list of twenty sponsors. From nineteen, the answers were all the same.

"An impossible task."

"The public will never accept it."

"One man can't do it." So I went home, sat down, and made up a list of a hundred possible sponsors. I went right back to work, totally sold on the idea of a beauty pageant for girls from minority groups, a pageant that would become fully inter-racial.

Over the weeks of trying to "sell" this somewhat revolutionary idea to businessmen of the community, persuading them to back the whole thing with their advertising budgets, I began also to develop in my mind the details of the pageant. As I questioned what elements would combine to make a truly beautiful pageant, the idea of the loveliness of the autumn colors developed. These

deep, burnished colors have always seemed to be the special favorites of young Black and Spanish-American girls; they carried a strength, a kind of bravery that would somehow symbolize our difficult battle on behalf of a new idea. No timid, calm pastels could be used as a theme for this unique pageant.

From that time on, the autumn theme was fixed in my mind, with autumn colors, autumn leaves. And at the point, the new Queen's title became: MISS AUTUMN LEAVES.

Of course, the most important part of that first pageant was the girls themselves. It seemed as if this was something they had been waiting for. The minute I said, "Beauty Contest," out loud, fifty girls were on my front porch nervously asking if I thought they were pretty enough to be in the contest. Up to that time I had been as nervous as they were, having obtained about five sponsors, and not knowing whether a single girl would show up to apply. I was so glad to see all of them that every one of them took home an application.

Later, their parents were all personally interviewed to be sure they understood the objectives of the pageant, and just what their daughters might expect in the course of the program.

The girls went through several weeks of rehearsals, more sponsors were signed, and at last the show was ready. There were fourteen girls in that first pageant, all lovely, and all just as nervous as I was.

In that auditorium, all eyes were on the contestants, and the tension and excitement grew. Finally, that climactic moment came when the names were read: the second runner-up, then the first runner-up, then Miss Autumn Leaves

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Joseph T. Davis, owner of Davis Remodeling, and Ellis M. Ivey, Jr., gen. mgr. of Saginaw Steering Gear Division, co-chairmen of the 1971 Saginaw County United Negro College Fund campaign, review lists of previous contributors. The campaign, to be conducted by personal and direct mail solicitation, will open September 7 with a county goal of \$4,500.

## United Negro Fund Drive Sets Its Goal

A goal of \$4,500 for the 1971 Saginaw County United Negro College Fund campaign was announced today by co-chairmen Joseph T. Davis and Ellis M. Ivey, Jr. The campaign will be conducted September 7 through 30.

Contributors to the campaign will help support 36 colleges belonging to the UNCF. The colleges are dedicated primarily to educating young negroes who otherwise would have little or no opportunity to attend a college.

The UNCF colleges are located in 12 Southeastern states. These schools produce more than half of the nation's black elected officials, 85% of the black doctors, and 75% of the black Ph. D.'s in the U.S. Approximately 75% of America's young negro men and women now working for advanced degrees come from these colleges. Among their 130,000 alumni there are mayors, judges, diplomats, college presidents, corporate officers, and government officials.

Davis, owner of Davis Remodeling, and Ivey, general manager of Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors, issued the following joint statement concerning the need for contributors:

"Most black students cannot hope to pay for a college education, since 65% of them come from families with average annual incomes of \$4,000. UNCF colleges try to meet this problem. About 70% of their students receive financial help. Tuitions are kept low, far lower than the national average. Faculty salaries are also low, often only half that of average white colleges.

"This is why the UNCF national campaign goal this year is \$10,000,000, the highest in its history. The Saginaw County share is \$4,500. Our plea is for greater help from those who have given before, and for new contributions from those who have given before, and for new contributions from those who have not. Each gift is a sound investment in the future of

our nation. All contributions are fully tax deductible.

"It should be remembered that most of the nation's black colleges were started in church basements or abandoned Civil War barracks buildings in the Southern states. They offered the first and only chance for an education to former slaves and their children following the Civil War. For over 100 years they have produced professionally trained men and women for the black segment of America, including its doctors, lawyers, teachers, pharmacists, and morticians."

The campaign is to be conducted through both personal and direct mail appeals. Checks made to the order of the United Negro College Fund may be sent to Mr Davis, at Davis Remodeling, 1605 E. Remington, or to Mr Ivey, Saginaw Steering Gear Division, General Motors Corp., 3900 Holland Road. Both addresses are in Saginaw.



A NICE JOB — Jim Colvin publisher of the Valley Star and head of last year's outstanding Autumn Leaves beauty contest is shown greeting last year's tearful winner.

# Notes On Monday's Council Meeting

By Charlene Bacon

The Saginaw City Council met Monday evening, August 30. The session opened with the traditional prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, and the roll was called, showing only Councilman Kackmeister absent, due to a death in the family.

Council business consisted of a number of petitions, recommendations, communications, and ordinances, most of which were either referred or approved without discussion.

The Council was invited by the Model Cities Policy Board to attend a citizen participation training session on Tuesday evening, Aug. 31. The Council accepted with thanks.

The Council also voted to accept (with regret) the resignation of David Oeming from the Airport Commission. Mayor Light stated Mr Oeming would be "difficult to replace."

A report requiring a lengthy discussion was a request for \$2,500 of city funds for the operation of an area-wide Drug Abuse Council. The Council seemed hesitant to spend money on a proposal on which it had so little information, especially Councilman Loucks and Councilman Wendler. Both felt sure there were other sources for such funds readily available. However, City Manager Pothoff was convinced the proposal was sound and was strongly in favor of it. He asked for comments from Tom Woods of United Fund, about the current emphasis on local control of drug programs. This helped sway the Council, and the request was finally approved, in spite of Councilman Loucks motion to table.

A request by Timbertown Inc. for use of Ojibway Island for its Timbertown Festival was approved.

Then followed several recommendations from the Purchasing Committee for the purchase of materials, services and property, which were quietly approved.

There was considerable debate on the matter of an agreement between the City

and the Saginaw Business Center Partnerships. This threatened to become a discussion of the entire downtown improvement schedule. However, despite the reservations of Councilman Loucks over the group's compliance with a previous agreement, the Council approved the agreement.

There was also some discussion on the recommendation to accept funds under the Presidents Emergency Employment Act. Councilman Oeming questioned as to just what obligations the city would have and for how long, and Councilman Wendler had doubts as to whether the filling of 30 vacant positions was really necessary. City Manager Pothoff answered these questions and the motion to approve was carried.

The Council also voted to authorize a feasibility study of a computerized area-wide police information system.

An area wide traffic improvement plan was submitted for approval before being forwarded to Federal and State agencies. It was explained briefly by City Engineer Jere Meredith. Councilman Nelson also commented that the City of Saginaw has accomplished more in the area of traffic improvement than any other Michigan city except Detroit. The Council voted to approve the plan.

City Manager Pothoff submitted a recommendation to re-institute pick-up rubbish collection on Saturdays following holidays. This was recommended since the cost of picking up the service on weekdays is not much less than the cost of doing the work on Saturdays. The Council voted to approve this request.

Several other petitions from City Planning, and ordinances relating to Urban Renewal were passed without comment.

Councilman Loucks then chose the topic of "Miscellaneous" under which to revive his objection to the agreement with Saginaw Business Center Partnerships. He moved to demand

a compunction with the schedule of payment, by the Partnership, for the downtown mall property. Wendler moved to table this, saying it was "ridiculous to demand payment," when City Manager Pothoff did not even know what amount was still unpaid. The motion to table carried.

Mayor Light then referred to Councilman Kackmeister's unusual absence. The absence was due to the death of his brother, Clarence Kackmeister

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herself.

Her name was Roxie Scroggins, and the judges had agreed she was the loveliest lady they had seen that night.

When that first queen was crowned, it marked not only the beginning of her year-long reign, but ever more important, the success of the idea of true beauty and grace in girls of minority groups. At that moment, I was profoundly moved. Moved, in fact, to tears. In the midst of the tears, the cheers and the happiness around me.

From that first pageant, held on a relatively small scale at UAW Local 668's hall on North Sixth Street, the program grew during the second year to seventeen girls and seventeen sponsors, and also needed the larger setting of the Saginaw Auditorium. The move marked the Pageant's first milestone, because not only had we made a dream come true, but we had made it a growing reality, more and more real with each year.

During the third year, the program reached a kind of leveling-off point. I found that the twenty girls and twenty sponsors that were involved that year were the maximum that could be molded into a manageable and really graceful show. But more than that, a spirit of accomplishment prevailed in this show, because one of our main objectives had been won: The pageant and its sponsors were well-known in the community; a relationship had been established, and it showed more clearly than anything else could have, that businessmen had a real concern for the minority community, and that they understood how deeply they had to be involved in that community.

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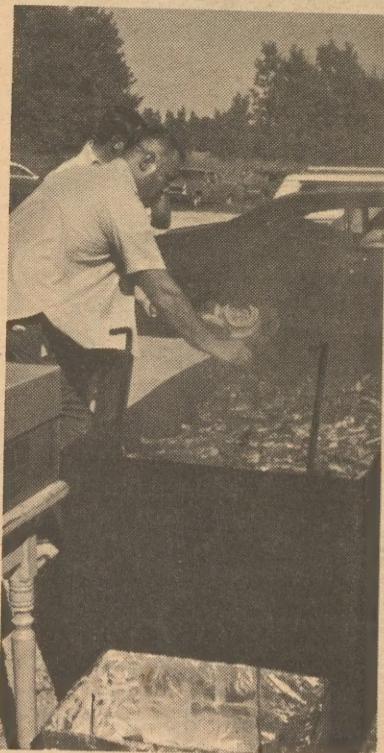
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# Big Brothers Hold Big Annual Picnic

by Charlene Bacon

The Big Brothers of Saginaw held their annual

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In the middle of all this, Mr Wilcox, a Big Brother who is also part-owner of a well-known Saginaw eatery, barbecued several hundred chickens, while the wives laid the tables with potato salad, baked beans, and desserts by the dozen.

Several well-deserved awards were presented at the picnic. The first was to Jack MacArthur and Ed Langer, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 557, for special volunteer assistance in repairing damage done to Big Brothers headquarters by vandals recently. Awards also went to Bill McKenna of Tri-City Dragway and Buck Malone of Buck's Sports Center, who have provided activities for the Little Brothers in the past year. Also accepting a plaque was Bill Strohschein who has offered the BB's the use of his houseboat for several week end excursions.

Receiving five-year service awards were: Dale DeKarske, Dan Dwyer, Luther Hood, Chuck Rambo, John Semyko, Ulyss Wesley, Barry Williams, and Jack Wright.

Barry Williams was presented the "49-er" Award for his work in recruiting three new Big Brothers in the past year.

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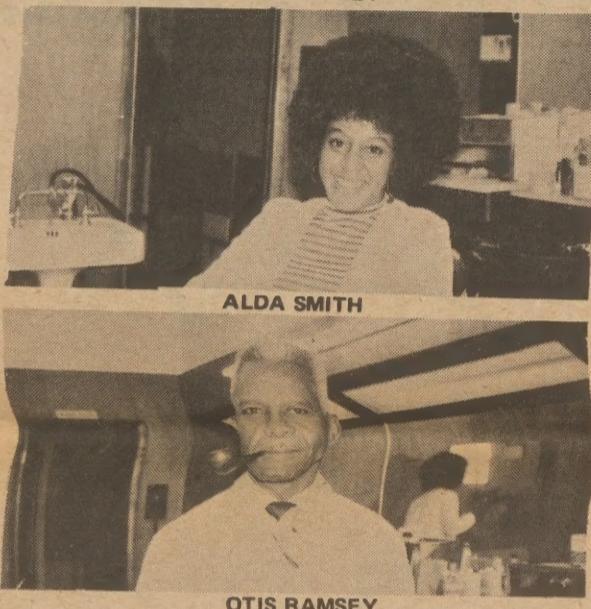
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## Small Group Grew Into A Tough Team

by Charlene Bacon

Early this year, three small boys who frequented the First Ward Community Center, came to Director Bob Williams and said they wanted to organize a baseball team. So Bob started scouting, not the sandlots, but the backyards and the streets, for kids who were hitting baseballs around. He asked them simply, "Would you like to play on a team?"

With that question, he found 25 boys, ages 11 years and under, who were interested in organized baseball, and ended up with seventeen regulars. Of these, only one had ever played baseball with a real team before.

The team was called the Cardinals and they began to play in the City Recreation Knothole League. The Cardinals won one of their two qualifying games and were placed in the League's B-Division.

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When tournament time came, the Cardinals got a good start, but were knocked out by a score of 5-4 in the second round of games.

The team celebrated its perfect record in the regular season with a picnic on the center grounds.

Some of the Cardinals will be moving up to the Blue Jay team next season because of age limits. The Jays are 12 and 13-year-olds, coached by Athletic Supervisor James Carthan, and have also had a successful season, with three members playing on the All-Star Team, and one with the Championship Team at the State Tournament.

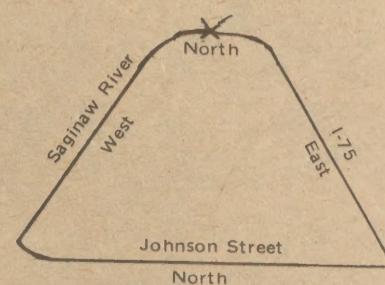
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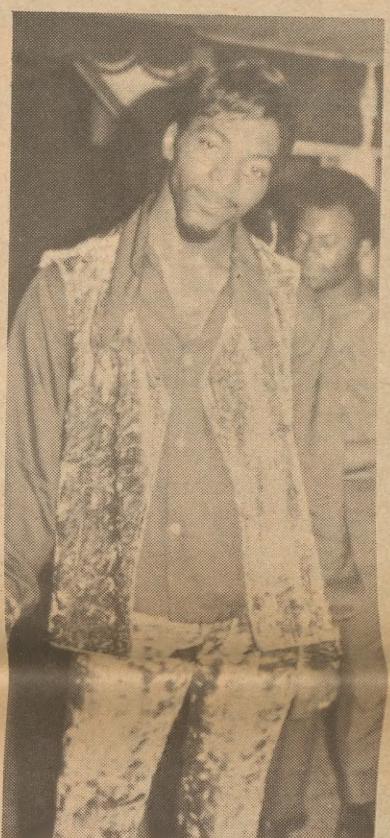
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## CARNIVAL WAS LOTS OF FUN

Amid the smell of hot dogs and the roar of the kids, the First Ward Community Center held its Annual Carnival on the grounds on Friday evening, August 27.

The first and most important event of the Carnival was the crowning of the King and Queen. And Anthony Wilford, son of Mr and Mrs Jessie Wilford, of 1812 Syracuse and Stephanie Addison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Addison, of 1923 Sanford, reigned magnificently, until bedtime at least.

Then the party continued, with singing and dancing by the youngsters who attend the Center regularly, and impromptu barefoot record hop on the tennis court. And there was watermelon, ice cream and plenty of tacos and other good things for everyone.

The Carnival marks the end of the Community Center's summer season. The Center will be closed for several days for cleaning, painting and other improvements, after which it will reopen with a full schedule of fall programs for the enrichment and enjoyment of area children and youth.

# Participation Specialist Meets With Policy Board

BY NAN CARL

A special Policy Board meeting, concerning Citizen Participation, was held at Houghton Resource Center, Tuesday evening, August 31. Special guests at the meeting were Mr Sam Riley from Chicago, who is the Citizen Participation Advisor for Dept. of HUD and Miss Pat Jameson from HUD.

In talking to the group Mr Riley said, "The level of funding in Model City Programs has to be allocated through many programs. The board members must be more familiar with and study the programs that are being operated in this community. Government gave them this responsibility and they must carry it, if this program is to be effective."

Mr Riley said to know more about Citizen Par-

"The Model Cities process provides that a whole lot of people be involved in the development of a project. Involvement of people takes place in such a way that everybody must assume a greater responsibility. Model Cities is supposed to be a mechanism by which citizens of a neighborhood can operate to make it better. The whole program is about changing yourself with your community. No greater responsibility can be put upon a person that involvement, it is not an easy task. One must intend to make contributions to people to improve life and chances of model neighborhood residents; must be committed and dedicated."

ticipation CDA letter #3 and Tab 3 should be read and then followed by training. Copies of these letters can be obtained from the CDA Office.

The Board must be involved in setting up a program of their own and they must design solutions to the problems to be able to represent citizens and the community.

One citizen present at the meeting asked if it were legal for the Board to implement programs in view of the fact that they don't know the guidelines.

Mr Riley said a lack of knowledge of the Federal Program is no reason to stop moving ahead. He said if the community is organized then there won't be any reason for the City to turn down good proposals

that are submitted. Have to organize a committee around the things that the community wants to do. After this is done, the board will be a success.

Mrs Andrew Moody, a citizen, wanted to know if at anytime will the local Government or the Federal Government think that the Model Neighborhood is "grown up" enough to handle their own affairs and money.

Mr Riley answered that OEO will give money to citizen organizations, in many cases, to carry out their program.

Mrs Moody then said that the citizens of the model neighborhood have to let the government know that they are grown and don't need the City to control their money. She thinks

the City knows how limited the money is they give the model neighborhood and that it's not enough. Something has to be done!

Mr George Hawkins then wanted to know why the City Council has the last say about Model City proposals.

Mr Nelson, from the City Council, said, "The City Council has the opportunity to review all these proposals in every possible way and then they do their best to help."

Mr Nelson was then asked by a citizen whether or not the members of the City Council have had any training in the procedures of Citizen Participation.

Mr Nelson answered that they haven't, but he is sure they are aware of what is being done.

Mr Smith, a citizen, then stated his opinion by saying the City Council only approves those programs that were listed in the first year projection and no others that have come up and were important to the Model City residents.

By this time the meeting was becoming pretty unruly and confusing with everyone talking at once.

Brother John Butler then jumped out of his chair and said the nail had been hit on the head earlier when Mr Riley said the Model Cities is not organized. He thinks the City Council waits until the members of the Model City Board get to know what they are doing and then the City Council pushes them out and replaces them with others who are new and don't know what is going on. He said, "The Black people must organize. How is the City supposed to know what is going on in the Model Cities when it seems as though the members of the board don't know what is going on."

The guest speaker, Mr Riley, then said there is too much clawing at each other by the citizens and the Board. Nothing will ever be accomplished unless harmony is achieved. The Board should be able to share with the citizens the knowledge they have. The Board is the people's and they need to learn what is going on and what their responsibilities are and what the concepts of the program provide.

One citizen suggested that they need to have separate district meetings to let the people know what is going on.

Jack Chapis said all that is needed for this type of a meeting is two board members from that district and a person from the CDA staff.

Much more discussion went on, mostly among the citizens and Versie Reynolds closed the meeting by saying we must get everyone involved and keep them informed to be successful.



Mrs. Moody Speaks



Mr. Sam Riley



A Discussion

## Credit Union Designed To Serve Residents

Northeast Community Federal Credit Union was originally chartered as St. Joseph Federal Credit Union in November, 1949, holding their first annual meeting in January, 1950. It was organized by Monsignor Harold Bolton as a Parish Credit Union.

Approximately 1965, the Credit Union had reached its full capacity as a Parish

membership and a meeting was held with Rev. Kenneth Anderson and Arthur Guimond of Saginaw Chapter, Michigan Credit Union League, to explore the possibility of a Community Credit Union.

After five years of planning the change was granted and on April 27, 1970, the name and territory of the Credit Union was changed

to Northeast Saginaw Community Federal Credit Union, allowing all persons who work or live in the area bounded by Johnson Street North, I-75 East, the Saginaw River on the west and North to where the river and I-75 meets.

Then on July 30, 1971, Northeast Community Federal Credit Union was granted the National Credit Union Association, share insurance. Each member's savings are insured up to \$20,000 by an independent agency of the Federal Government.

Our Credit Union now is for the persons living and working in this area. We have money orders for your convenience. We encourage savings for the members benefit as well as dividends. Each member may be qualified for life insurance, also other insurances are available. Loans for all worthwhile purposes can be applied for.

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Board of Directors, Credit Committee and Supervisory Committee work without pay. There is an annual meeting every year for the members and it affords them a chance to ask questions as well as learn the opportunities that will be available in their Credit Union in the future.

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The Board of Directors are as follows: president, Michael G. Karaba, vice president, George A. Duran; secretary, Marcos Anaya; treasurer, Thelma L. Karaba. Other board members are John Sandoval, Jose Jiminez, Luis Enriquez, and James E. Carter. New Board members are elected at the annual membership meeting each year in a rotating system. To join the Credit Union you only need a 25¢ fee and one \$5 deposit to shares to be a voting member. Come in and see us and ask what we can do for you.

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# Words From Chairman Of MC Policy Board

BY NAN CARL

The Policy Board has a number of committees organized now, but one main issue today would be to get a committee on crime prevention. Mr Reynolds said "I get the strangest feel-

ing that our community is almost as criminal minded as the criminals themselves. Take into consideration the number of breakings and enterings that we have. So, that is something that I hope we

can get set up and get started doing. To do something about the crime in our community, this is the next step in the expansion of committee operations. It is our hope that when we are about to get the committee functioning, we would like to coordinate this around the community businessmen and churches to try and help us solve this problem to some degree; and in doing so, we'll be able to get the extra community in-put that the Model Cities Program needs so badly.

In the second year planning, approaches to get people more involved through coordination of aides and representatives of the district will be undertaken.

The chairman of the Model Cities Policy Board advises SMCIC to become involved. With SMCIC's experience and background in the Model Cities Program, they would be put to positive use.

So as representatives of the different districts, we have become involved with the importance that we set aside the necessary time to fulfill our responsibilities to the program. There hasn't been the co-operation of those elected to the Board like there should be. The Board members are too slow in their progress. Mr Reynolds would like to see the people and members of the Board put forth a special effort to get things done and also to get to the meeting on time. Remember, all decisions rest in the hands of the Board members and Mr Reynolds says foresight is the kind of success that is best.



Chairman Reynolds and Miss Pat Jamison, HUD Representative visited recently.



## Sister Fixes Up

Sister P. J. Simon of 503 N. 5th, demonstrates what you can do if you are willing to get involved in bettering your surroundings. Sister Simon is shown here demonstrating her skill and talent working to remodel and beautify her home in the Model Neighborhood. She says she handles all the modern tools quite well, as you see here, she handles the drill with ease. We would like to see more fix-ups of this kind in our neighborhood.

## Have You Got A Complaint

If you feel that you have been a victim of discrimination in a situation of employment, you may register a complaint with the Commission. The complaint may be written in either Spanish or English. Describe in as much detail as possible the act of discrimination which was committed toward you. However, the Commission can only start action if your complainant has your name and address, the name and address of your employer, union or employment agency that you feel has discriminated against you, and a general idea of the act or conduct committed against you.

It is important to register your complaint as soon as possible after your oc-

currence of discrimination. The complaint may be mailed to the closest office of EEOC (US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Room 402, Engineer Building, 1365 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.)

Upon receiving your complaint, the Commission will contact you by mail or telephone to advise you on the action they will take concerning your complaint. Remember that it is against the law for an employer, employment agency, or labor organization to punish you because you have presented a complaint or have commented on malpractices of an employer according to Title VII.

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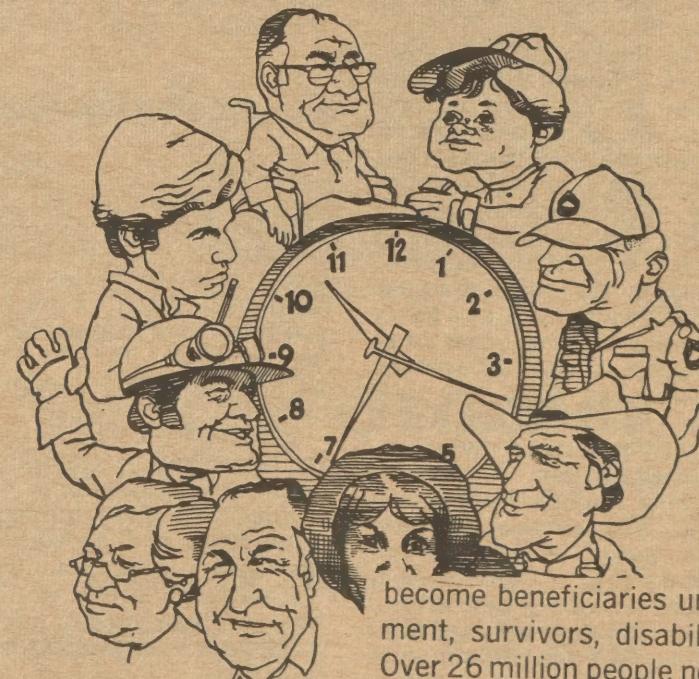
The Department of HUD, in Washington DC is in the process of moving to a new building. In view of this fact, they requested that all Model Cities in the United

States send to them art work to be put on display in their new building.

They stipulated that the art must be a donation because it would be too expensive to return all the pieces not selected for display.

Enos Marques was in charge of gathering the Saginaw Model Cities donations which were provided by Lucy Mendez of 204 S. 14th, who is a recent graduate of St. Joseph's High School and Felipe Acosta of 1809 Wadsworth. Lucy donated 1 oil painting and 6 or 7 water colors and Felipe contributed 8 water color paintings.

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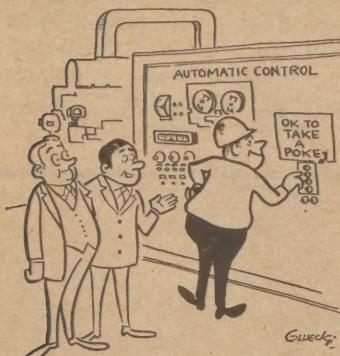
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Si una persona se eres victima de discriminacion en una situacion de empleo, puede registrar una queja con la Comision. La queja debe ser por escrito, ya sea en espanol o ingles. Describa en los mas detallado posible el acto discriminatorio que usted alega se le ha cometido. Aun asi, la Comision puede comenzar a actuar si su queja contiene su nombre y direccion, el nombre y la direccion de su empleador, union o agencia de empleos, que usted alega le ha discriminado, y une idea general del acto o conducta del cual usted se queja.

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# THE PEOPLE SPEAK...

### Something Should Be Done

Arthur O'Neal and Juan Garcia, two NYC Community workers for the Police Community Relations organization, were in the Model Neighborhood and when asked about their reaction to the Model Cities Program, they stated that they really didn't have very much to say in the area of Model Cities Programs, but they did say that there should be something done in the area of more and better housing for the people in the Model Neighborhood.

### More Parks, Clubs

Relaxing on his front porch, Mr Shannon Surles of 125 Nth 12th says he'd like to see more recreation areas built. We need more places for the teenagers to go to. There are already too many roads. I think the young people would like to see more parks, nite clubs and sport centers built.

### More Recreation Needed

On the job, Model Cities visits Mary Curry and Corene Horton at Woodleys Grocery, 1302 Lapeer. They feel its a good program and are happy with the progress they are making. They like how Model Cities has given the young kids jobs. Miss Curry feels there are too many roads and too many gas stations. Let's get more recreation areas built.

### Repairs - Not Streets

Mrs Oplether Prather works hard to clean up her yard at 211 Nth 5th. Mrs Prather has lived in Saginaw for the past 22 years and would like to see our present streets repaired. She says we don't need anymore streets. We should concentrate more on repairing the streets we have. Why do they tell us to fix up our sidewalks, when our streets are in bad shape.

### Can't Get Work Done

Mr Robert Isom of 208 Nth 5th says Model Cities program is OK if they'd help me. They haven't done anything for me. I wanted work done on my house and couldn't get any done. Once I thought it was dead. I enjoyed the meetings. Lately, I haven't been to one in a long time. Mr Isom says he enjoys reading the Valley Star News.

### A Friendlier Attitude

Mrs Winnie Broxton of 231 Sth 15th has lived in Saginaw for 6 years. She has 1 child and plans to make Saginaw her permanent home. She says Model Cities is a nice program. The roads have improved and hopes they will continue. She also hopes to see the neighbors develop a more friendly attitude.

### Roads Push People Aside

"There are enough roads built for people to get killed on, we don't need anymore," shouts Mr Theodore Currin of 1802 Lapeer. Too many roads cause the old people to move out of their homes without getting enough use out of them. Some people don't have enough money to buy new homes. Mr Currin feels there are too many good homes being torn down.

## Daniel Heights Designed For Low Income Living

BY MIKE PIERRIE

Daniel Heights is a housing complex that is only for low income families or elderly people that live on Social Security or pensions.

Mrs Evelyn Sommerfield a Housing Aide at Daniel Heights, gave a brief break down on the qualifications for acquiring an apartment at Daniel Heights and the different types of units that they have there.

To qualify for an apartment at Daniel Heights, one must be in a low income bracket and have lived within the City limits for at least one year. Upon meeting qualifications, applicants are selected in the order in which they applied. Only in the case of a real emergency, such as a party needing housing right away because of fire or another emergency that may call for quick housing, may a family be placed out of sequential order.

Mrs Sommerfield stated that with each apartment, the water is paid by the Housing Commission, there is also a heat allowance for each unit and anything over the allowance is paid by the tenant. Also, the tenant pays his own electric bill.

There are 365 units in the housing complex. They range from one to four bedrooms. There are: 57 one-bedroom units (most-

ly for elderly), 140 two-bedroom units, 108 three-bedroom units and 60 four bedroom units.

When his turn comes up for an apartment, the new tenant signs a lease with the Housing Commission that runs from month to month. This can be terminated by the tenant within 15 days before renewal, and terminated by the office with a 30-day notice.

Each year, the families have to submit a financial statement to be sure that they fall in the category to rent.

This Housing Commission, said Mrs Sommerfield, is supervised by the Saginaw Housing Commission, and is regulated by HUD (Housing and Urban Development.)

The rent for these apart-

ments range from \$40 a month for a one bedroom (this on a very low income level) to \$70 a month for a four bedroom. The rent would change slightly with the gradual increase in a family's income, until they were in a position to buy a home (if they so desired) on a long term basis.

For the elderly people, under the Brook Amendment for the elderly, the elderly only have to pay 25% at the most, of their income for rent; so that would effect the payments of a few elderly people in the housing complex.

There is very seldom a vacancy at the Housing Complex because everytime someone moves out there will always be someone moving in, due to the waiting list that always provides candidates to move into the vacant apartments.

For those wishing to put in an application for an apartment at Daniel Heights, apply at the Daniel Heights Housing Commission Office, located at 12th and Norman.

The Housing Complex has its own maintenance crew, loans out lawn mowers to people that don't have them and provides close contact with the people as their friends and as business-like acquaintances.

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**EXAMINATION:** Will consist of an interview and a review of background. Applications will be screened and candidates considered best qualified will be invited for interview.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Apply immediately to Personnel Office, Room 104, City Hall, Saginaw, Michigan 48601.

# Children Adapt To Music Very Quickly

"Children have the innate ability to adapt quickly to rhythms, sounds and harmony," says Mrs Helen E. Hall, who has taught music to children of all ages for several years. She plans to open a music studio soon, which she claims will be an innovation in the Saginaw area.

The students' ages will range from pre-school to the sixth grade, primarily. Her reason for choosing this age group, she states is, "A musical background, especially in classes, and at an early age, develops confidence in a child; teaches him to work and play with other children; to follow directions; and to recognize symbols even before he learns to read print." She goes on, "I think, most importantly, an interesting musical background consumes a child's excess energies, by keeping both mind and body occupied."

Having come from a musically educated family herself, and having one of her own, she knows of what she speaks. Mrs Hall studied music for sixteen years under private instruction from teachers who were products of the finest and oldest music school in the country; they were graduates of such schools as the Juilliard School of Music, New York; the Chicago Conservatory; Oberlin School of Music, Ohio; and Spellman College, Atlanta. She believes that young people, who aspire to teach privately rather than publicly, should study the private methods. The teacher is consequently more able to give each student a closer individual training.

She loves and understands children. Besides, having taught them for eight years, she has had a close association with them through positions in the YWCA and Ur-

ban League in Ohio, and the school visitation sessions for several years in both Ohio and Michigan.

Although she lacks only seventeen hours to attain a B.A. Degree in Sociology, she says she will earn the degree someday. Teaching music has always been her greatest enjoyment. "It teaches them to project themselves at an early age," she states with conviction.

The students will be introduced to both classical and popular music; vocal, instrumental and choreographed rhythms; piano, organ, and some percussion instruments.

Asked about the future of Black students in the classical music world, she commented, "Any student, regardless of race, should be prepared to make a living in another field so that he may concentrate on his music and advance gradually. Too often, young people are so anxious to achieve great heights in music that they overlook important fundamentals leading to success."

Outside her musical background, Mrs Hall has been employed as a Deputy Auditor, County Auditor's office, Canton, Ohio; The Federal Government, State and City of Saginaw in Michigan. She is active in the community. She has various hobbies: designing and sewing her own clothes, interior decorating, sketching, creative writing, collecting old records, books, and silver.

She is married to Mr Edward Hall, Jr. They have four children two of which have majored in the study of fine arts; music (opera) and drama.



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Schenck has been an active volunteer in the United Fund since coming to Saginaw three years ago. He is on the Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Committee and last year served as a Campaign Vice Chairman.

Schenck is also president and director of the Greater Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, Director and Chairman of the Hotel Committee of Downtown Saginaw Inc., and a Director of Junior Achievement of Saginaw County.

In 1970 the United Fund of Saginaw County exceeded its goal for the fourteenth consecutive year by raising \$1,885,775.

The kick-off for the 1971 campaign will be held on October 28, in the Bancroft Crystal Ballroom at the Saginaw Conference Center.

## Invitation To Women

The Saginaw Young Women's Christian Association cordially invites all interested Black women to attend an organizational meeting for Black women, on Sunday, September 12, 1971, at 4:00 p.m., at the Saginaw YWCA, 615 S. Jefferson, Saginaw.



The young ones at the big McBride Reunion.



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## McBride Family Reunion Is Held

By Charlene Bacon

On Saturday, August 28, the McBride family held its first family reunion in honor of the seventy-first birthday of their father, Leroy McBride. Of Mr McBride's fourteen children, eleven were present for the outdoor celebration at Wickes Park, including: Mrs Clara Rolinson; Mrs Pla Craigs, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs Eloise Powell, Saginaw; Mr Elmer McBride, St. Louis; Miss Ann McBride, San Francisco; Mr Mark McBride, St. Louis; Jessie McBride, Saginaw; Mr Leroy McBride, Jr., St. Louis; Mr Albert McBride, San Francisco (a 1968 graduate of Saginaw High); and Dennis McBride, Saginaw.

The others not able to attend were: Mrs Christine Boyd, St. Louis; Mrs Virginia Weathersby, San Francisco; and Arba McBride, Detroit.

Also present for the

birthday celebration were twenty-two of the McBride grandchildren, as well as a number of cousins and other relatives, including, the Willis family and Mrs Collie Meriweather from Indianapolis, Mrs Biola Banks from Englewood, New Jersey and Arnie Bell Jackson from Nashville, Tennessee.

The family's pastor, Rev. Harold Huggins, also came to renew acquaintances and wish Mr McBride a happy birthday.

Mrs Powell stated it had been years since so many of the family had been together.

Said Mr McBride, "I'm proud to see everybody here."

Tables full of good food and hearts full of good cheer helped make this one of Mr McBride's happiest birthdays. And in our day, when the strength of the family is so needed by our youth, celebrations of this kind are one of the healthiest signs of our times.



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tending Central State University) and I sat and had a very long talk one day, getting and giving our opinions on several subjects. One of the subjects we talked about in great length was the matter concerning the Soledad Brothers and the recent killing of one of the Soledad Brothers. I asked Larry, if you were to address a crowd on the matter, exactly what would you say? Larry gave me a very serious look and said that he would talk to the crowd just as he talks with me - being very frank, very serious and very for real. Larry said he thinks all the sisters and brothers should be informed of the latest happenings concerning their people. Most of the time, the black sisters and brothers do not really read the facts or even keep up to date on many of the important things that might one day help us to get over and better ourselves.

We should get off the streets he said and listen to his plea, the one of a black man and listen to facts concerning the Soledad Brothers as they were and still are being presented to the people in newspapers, and on TV and even on the radio. As it is, one of the Soledad Brothers, George

Jackson, 29, who was claimed to have tried an unbelievable escape attempt from San Quentin a couple of weeks ago on a Saturday. Doesn't it seem funny, pretty funny, that his trial was coming up in a few days and then has a visitor who carries a gun in his Afro, weighing about one pound or more? Whitey, don't you know we can't carry a gun in our hair any more than you can? I am not suggesting anything, but don't you think that there is some funny business going on?

Soledad Brothers, Clutchette, 28, and Flieta Drumgo, 26, who are surviving in a living death, who were being charged with murdering a white guard at Soledad Prison last January. Ain't it funny that white racist Judge Carl Allen refused to examine Clutchette and Flieta for evidence of beatings, bruises when the Sole-

#### Profits Skidded in 1970

After-tax profit margins per sales dollar shrank to 4.7 per cent in 1970 from the already depressed 5.4 per cent in 1969, according to the First National City Bank of New York. This was the lowest ebb for profit margins in nonfinancial corporations as compiled by the bank since 1945.

dad's Brothers Attorney charged in court that following Thursday that both men had been beaten at San Quentin. Since that Tuesday's hearing, Racist Allen also refused to permit them to be held overnight so their attorneys could talk with them before they suffer the same fate as Brother George Jackson did. It was at this point that John Thorne, who was Jackson's attorney stood up in the spectators section and said: "Judge Allen, you have the responsibility for what goes on in that prison." Allen replied: "Mr Thorne, one more outburst out of you and you'll be removed." Thorne answered: "I'm not staying, I'm leaving". I am not suggesting anything said Larry, but don't you think there is some funny business going on?

Now brothers and sisters, just to help your awareness a little more, Fred Hampton of the Black Panthers Party was murdered! Guess What?? Because this murder involved so many high classed whites, instead of serving a term for murder, they are only going to serve a 1-3 year prison term free. In other words, point blank, pay a \$1,000 and kill a Blacky. Blacky season is now open.

I'm not suggesting anything, but brothers and sisters, get off the street, there is some funny business going on.

(Note from the Editor and Reporter: Being that this is a free world, and everyone is supposed to have freedom of the press and freedom of speech, this is a first hand view from one person who believes in his rights and exercising them.)



HURLEY J. COLEMAN

## Coleman Receives Award

Hurley J. Coleman Jr., son of Reverend and Mrs. H. J. Coleman Sr., 357 So. 14th, has been awarded the First Annual Cecil Daster Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is to be given yearly to an exceptional black Saginaw High School band member who is planning to matriculate at a four year institute of higher learning. Hurley has enrolled at Eastern Michigan University.

The scholarship was initiated by Mrs Frank Bryant of Teaneck, New Jersey. She is the former Allie Sanders, daughter of Mrs Laura Wiley, 318 S. 21st. It is supported by pledges and gifts from the family and friends of the young Central Michigan University student who was fatally injured in a motorcycle - car collision on August 17, 1970.

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# An Epitaph For A Councilman

The doctors can say what they want to, but many who knew Bob Tindal feel that he lived too hard and too fast — probably because he thought he had to — and it killed him.

Officially, the doctors said that two brain hemorrhages resulting from a history of high blood pressure killed him last week at the age of 41.

But Tindal was a Georgia-born black man who fought his way to the top of urban politics and may have burned himself out getting there.

Some said Tindal was the smartest man of the Common Council. Not the most knowledgeable. But the smartest.

Mel Ravitz has read more books and Carl Levin has had the education that good, established families give to good sons.

But as you sat at the council table and listened to the guillotine snap inside Tin-

dal's mind as you watched his opponents' heads roll and listened to Tindal's peculiar mix of abrupt street language and urban technology, you realized that Tindal knew who was giving him what he called "A lot of

bull" and who wasn't.

Tindal was the most complex of the three black men on the council and perhaps the most important because of it.

Ernest Browne Jr is a good, tough guy who serves

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his city professionally. Nicholas Hood is an able minister-politician.

But Bob Tindal was the tough politician.

He assumed that a lot of people were out to get him and, in a job which more than 100 people try to get every four years, he was right.

He assumed that if the black man had any future in the big cities she would have to seize political control of them, and as a councilman who belonged to 18 community committees he did his share.

The pace of public life was hard on Tindal. He was nervous in the morning, gulping hot coffee and chain-smoking. He was tired by late afternoon. And if you ran into him late in the evening you noticed he was out on his feet.

At the endless political affairs people shoved stiff drinks in his face. And fortunately, like many politicians and reporters saturated in the alcoholic world of politics, he sometimes was a belligerent drinker.

During those evenings he would be first loud and challenging, then grow visibly weary and talk about catching up on his sleep.

When he grew melancholy Tindal was hard not to like. You wanted to get him a cup

of coffee, and tell him to go away from it all and take care of himself.

You wanted to but you didn't.

Instead you participated in the eternal Tindal argument: He held up for debate the theory that there existed a white conspiracy to maintain control of Detroit.

He saw it in every aspect of regional government. He did not like the implication of putting power in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments or the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority.

He did not like anything which might prevent ultimate black control of Detroit. "Have fun," he'd say, laughing to his white competitors. "Enjoy it while you can until we take over."

There are a lot of blacks who believed what Tindal believed — and the concept won't die with him.

Within a few years it will have to be faced and resolved.

In the meantime, a city which in the past under-represented its black population is now, tragically and unavoidably, doing so again.

That a lot of Detroiters felt Tindal represented them well was obvious — 221,152 of them voted for him in the last election.

## Black Educator Knows "Odds Against You"

Dr William H. Byas, Saginaw Valley College's newest addition to its faculty and staff, knows from first-hand experience the thrill of getting through college when the odds are against you. The 38-year-old black educator from Macon, Georgia, received his Ed.D. degree in educational psychology from the University of Tennessee last month. He considers education to be the surest route to equality and advancement in white America.

He joined SVC in July as lecturer in education, director of student personnel, and coordinator of Project 70's, a program designed to give minority students an opportunity at college success. This is not his first experience with this type of student. His doctoral thesis was written on programs such as Project 70's, conducted at fourteen colleges in the southeastern part of the United States—including Fort Valley College in Fort Valley, Georgia, where he was project director for three years.

"On graduation day, I used to watch the students as they walked into the auditorium, and when I saw one of my kids—one who had made it because of a program like Project 70's, it never failed to thrill me," he said.

The quiet-spoken Byas echoes many of the philosophical statements and beliefs of another Georgia educator, Dr Martin Luther King. He sees himself, like King, as a spokesman for neither black nor white, but rather for what he considers the right side of individual issues.

"I haven't sacrificed any principles in 38 years of living and I don't intend to start giving in now," he

says. "I have never backed what I consider to be a morally wrong position no matter who is supporting it—black, white, mother, father, or anybody else."

"My first goal in attempting to unite the black and white communities at SVC is to open doors of communication so that both sides will be in positions to suggest and accept remedies to the problems and misunderstandings that have been building up on the campus over the last year or two," Dr Byas said.

Ultimately, he predicts, the color line at the College will disappear altogether and the administration, faculty, and students will work together to solve not black or white problems but student problems in general. "I don't see myself as a mediator standing between blacks and whites," Dr Byas said. "I have come here to work with people and their problems—problems like money, education, cultural, background, jobs, and other issues common to everyone."

One of Dr Byas's responsibilities as coordinator of Project 70 is to direct the six week summer institute which serves as an intensive study program for 15 new special-admissions students and 15 returning special-admissions students. The program is aimed at giving additional instruction and individual tutoring to students whose academic backgrounds did not qualify them for admission to the College under regular admission procedures.

"It is a mistake to assume that these 'educationally difficult' students are in no way responsible for their academic predi-

cament," Dr Byas says. "On the other hand, we cannot ignore several important factors over which they have had no control." He cited these as alienation from the mainstream of American social and academic life; family backgrounds; cultural deprivation; and financial need.

"All of these things have worked together, in many cases, to make it very difficult for black students to acquire college and graduate degrees," Dr Byas said. "Many blacks attempting college are the first ones in their families to do so. There is little parental motivation or encouragement to succeed; other family members may withhold financial support because they do not see the value of higher education; they may even try to make the student feel guilty for attending college."

"We must build into our society a racial tolerance and equality that is so mechanical, so much a part of us that individuals will have no alternative but to accept each other as complete equals. Colleges and universities are one of the institutions that offers the most hope in developing leadership potential to bring this complete quality about," Dr Byas said.

In discussing the present situation at Saginaw Valley College and the nation as a whole, Byas said many white people find it difficult to understand why black students are receiving financial and academic support that is not so readily available to white students. Many don't see why the College has placed special priority on the hiring of black instructors and administrators.



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## Zeta Lites Tour Cedar Pointe

BY MIKE PIERRIE

The Zeta Lites, a community group of young people, whose ages range from 13 to about 15 years, and was formed by Mrs Nona King, Mrs Doris Nichold

and about thirteen other mothers who call themselves Amicae, toured Cedar Pointe recently.

The group is a co-ed group of about 36 boys and girls who are very well

rounded and picked exclusively to be in this group.

The group raised the money for the bus, which was \$600, themselves by putting on some fund-raising benefits. They also put on a formal dance at the Diplomat Club last November which netted \$400 for the group, which was a great boost in helping make their trip a reality instead of a dream.

The group has been together two years and has worked together collectively for that length of time.

The group is planning other fund raising campaigns

and also another formal dance for this year, which will enable them to take other trips next year. One specific trip that they are planning on taking next year is a trip to the new Disneyland that was recently built or completed this year. The group is very well organized to attempt a project so large.

The group meets every Saturday at various houses. They hope to have some permanent meeting place soon.

As explained by Mrs King and Mrs Nichols, the group is a select group of girls and boys. The people are screened by the mothers of Amicae, to insure that the boys and girls that are selected are of good character and will be able to work cooperatively with the other girls and boys.

Mrs King and Mrs Nichols went on further to explain that the purpose of the

group is that of building fine character in each boy and girl and teaching them how to be perfect ladies and gentlemen. They also explained that hopefully, these boys and girls will be able to reach out to other boys and shine a light on them to see the appreciation and satisfaction of working and enjoying together.

The group has the usual governing body as other groups of this sort have. They have different committees for planning functions and they also have discussions, which gives each individual a chance to express what each one of them really feel as though they are part of the group.

Mrs King and Mrs Nichols are very proud of their group and its progress and wish that there were other groups of this sort organized. But they feel that in time, there should be more groups of this sort together.

## NAACP Raps Back

In a recent issue of the BLACK SPOKEMAN there was an article attacking the president of the local NAACP (Mrs Barlow) for her article appearing in the NEWS on an earlier date relative to Dr Fearn and her roll in the Saginaw High School incident.

First, we felt that the SPOKEMAN'S article should not be dignified with an answer from the NAACP but on the other hand we felt that the anonymous author was not only attacking Mrs Barlow but was also taking a pot shot at the organization that is bigger and better than any coalition of blacks in Saginaw or anywhere else where the need for getting justice for any individual or group who's civil rights have been denied.

The SPOKEMAN'S article was both amazing and amusing because we agree that the office of president does carry a high degree of dignity and influence and should be respected as such by all, including the BLACK SPOKEMAN'S anonymous author. If the mysterious author was so disturbed about the article a personal letter requesting clarification before the attack would have been proper and respectful.

We have found down through the years that the NAACP has been challenged about the way it approaches a given problem

involving black citizens by a small group of para-professional blacks who give nothing but lip service and little else. If these same blacks were as free with cash as they are with their rhetorics, the NAACP's membership roll would look better and the attack on the social ills of the city would improve. All the work of the local branch is done by a handful of dedicated officials whose services are volunteer (free).

Speaking of memberships, we of the NAACP feel that the roll will be kept at a minimum as long as (1) such propaganda appearing in the BLACK SPOKEMAN keeps black citizens confused and at the same time furnishing them with an alibi not to join. (2) There is no need for the organizing of little bands of black folks to further the cause of justice and equality when the oldest civil rights organization has pursued and retained the number one spot of recognition in this field. (3)

All that is needed is for this little band of self-appointed black leaders to forget about self and other petty thoughts and align themselves with an organization that has and will continue to fight the injustice inflicted upon blacks henceforth.

R. N. Barbour, Chairman  
Public Relations NAACP



### Here's A Real Cutie!

This little cutie is Cherly Presley of 223 S. 7th. She attends Houghton School and is in the 4th grade. Her favorite subject is reading and she likes school and all the teachers at Houghton.

Nine-year-old Cherly visited relatives in Grand Rapids and Detroit this summer for a vacation. To keep her busy, Cherly also likes to knot things such as potholders and dusters.

### Many Young Voters

Of the 139,563,000 potential voters in the 1972 presidential elections, it is estimated that 25,125,000 will have reached voting age since 1968, including 18-year-olds. President Nixon's winning margin was 510,314.

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# Welfare Cheaters Few, Far Between

By Milton J. Robinson,  
Executive Director  
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Money and time spent on the "problem" of welfare cheaters is, for all practical purposes, wasted.

The fact is, little, if any, problem exists.

Contrary to popular opinion, only a minute percentage of welfare recipients are ineligible.

And, of those who are ineligible, many are only because of technicalities in the laws.

Nevertheless, a great number of politicians and average citizens would have you believe that welfare rolls are rising drastically because of fraud.

Such a misconception has helped create the stigma attached to welfare. And, since many people believe that the majority of welfare recipients are black (not true!), the average recipient is often thought of as a black person cheating his or her way on to the rolls.

Unemployment to Blame

The real reason for rising welfare rolls, of course, is the staggering unemployment in this state and country, brought on by a sagging economy.

Legislative time spent on

welfare fraud would be much more productive in dealing with the real problem - lack of jobs.

People who go on welfare because no jobs exist are not cheaters; they are the cheated.

Yet, even those persons on welfare who would be capable of self-support if enough jobs, training and day care centers were available represent less than one per cent of the total caseload.

Regarding welfare fraud, the Michigan Department of Social Services provides the following statistics for fiscal year 1969-70:

Nationally, there were less than 34,000 cases of welfare fraud, representing only seven-tenths of one per cent of the total caseload. That percentage was broken down into two categories - adult cases, two-tenths of one per cent and Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) cases, 1.4 per cent.

In Michigan, the figures were even lower with only 39-hundredths of one per cent of welfare recipients found to be ineligible. The breakdown was 12-hundredths of one per cent for adult cases and 64-hundredths of one per cent for ADC cases.

- In Wayne County, statistics on welfare applications for the first three months of 1971 revealed fraud suspected in only 1.3 per cent of the cases. It also was found that overpayments were made in only 1.45 per cent of all checks mailed. A survey of 62 ADC recipients in Wayne County during the last three months of 1970 uncovered only one case of suspected fraud.

#### New System Underway

With welfare cheating not considered a problem, the Department of Social Services has been able to start a simplified system for determining eligibility of ap-

plicants.

Under the old, time-consuming system (still in force in many counties), each bit of information had to be verified. Under the new system, it's assumed the applicant is telling the truth, and only that information which seems questionable is investigated. The new system was launched on an experimental basis in Oakland, Ingham and Eaton counties, and fraud was suspected in only 1.7 per cent of the applications. Overpayments were somewhat higher - 8.66 per cent - but about half of them could be attributed to agency mistakes.

While I don't have the statistics to prove it, I would wager that more cheating occurs among the affluent - on tax returns - than among the poor - on welfare applications.

The main problem seems to be that many people just don't want to be confused with the facts.

For more information, call Milton J. Robinson, Executive Director; Dick Colby, Director, Public Information (313) 222-1810.

## SVC Testing Its Wings On Certification

Saginaw Valley College's College of Education hopped out of the nest today and prepared to test its own wings following State Board of Education approval granting teacher certification power to SVC.

Dr. Harold W. Peterson, Dean of the College of Education, said the State Board, because SVC is a developing teacher education program, will observe and assist the college to make certain that SVC's program maintains its excellence and shows the initiative needed in turning out properly trained teachers.

However, Dr. Peterson said, SVC has full authority to proceed to recommend its own graduates for teacher certification by the State, and this authority will be used for the first time when SVC graduate students this month at the end of the summer semester. SVC also will be able to design and propose to the State Board new programs and procedures for its teacher education students, Dr. Peterson said. The observation period will continue until July 1, 1973, Dr. Peterson said, when SVC's program will be reviewed again for final approval.

Heretofore, SVC teacher candidates were certified through an arrangement with Alma College. This went into effect three years ago when Dr. Peterson started to develop the teacher education to the program originally approved by the State. Those limitations now are gone.

"We are extremely grateful to Alma College for helping us through the formative years," Dr. Peterson said. "Without this association, we never could have developed to the point where we now are capable of assuming the certification responsibility ourselves."

Now that certification power has been granted, Dr. Peterson said, changes will be made in the teacher education program to make the program conform with the routine changes that have occurred at SVC in curriculum offerings and the addition of several major fields of study. Also, he said, SVC now will be better able to serve teachers working in the area.

He said summer programs can be added at SVC to provide courses for experienced teachers still working for their continuing teacher certification. To obtain a continuing certificate in Michigan, a teacher must earn 18 hours of post-graduate study. To meet this demand, he said, SVC will offer such courses as advanced work in reading, curriculum courses, classroom management and other courses that directly relate to teachers.

In the field of training teachers, he said, SVC will be able to experiment and try new ideas. SVC's program is based on the premise that the sooner a prospective teacher gets into the classroom, the quicker that student learns if teaching really is the career to follow. One step in this direction has been taken. This is a field experience for students at the end of their freshman or sophomore years that puts the students into schools in a variety of experiences. Another step will be the revamping of method courses to give students increased exposure to actual classroom experience before the student teaching experience which students must take to be certified.

In the action taken by the State Board in approving SVC to certify its teacher graduates, the Board accepted the report of the Committee of Scholars which visited SVC on June 3 and 4. The report singles out several areas of particular strength in the SVC program and also identifies areas for further improve-

ment.

Dr. Peterson, who was present at the State Board meeting, said he was pleased with the Board action. "This approval will enable our program to make needed changes and improvements. The committee correctly identified the strengths and weaknesses of our program. It recognized the outstanding faculty in the College of Education, the professional library, the student teaching program, the method courses in elementary education, and the general high morale. It correctly identified weaknesses in the training in the use of audio-visual aids, in the holdings of the Curriculum Library, in the procedures for the selection of teacher candidates, and in the size of the College of Education faculty."

The committee recommends the establishment of some new majors and minors which would be particularly appropriate for elementary teachers, Dr. Peterson said. "I am confident that we can turn these weaknesses into strengths within the next year and get final approval earlier than the time schedule proposed by the State Board," he said.

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